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As requested by the Examiner in the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed December 19, 2005, claims 13 and 16 are corrected herein to place the claims previously presented for amendment in the proper format. Support for these amendments is found in the language of the original claims and throughout the specification, as set forth in previous responses. No new matter is added by these amendments. In light of these amendments, applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application pursuant to the remarks provided in the October 8, 2004 Amendment and February 17, 2005 response, and allowance of the pending claims to issue.

The Examiner is invited and encouraged to contact the undersigned directly if such contact will expedite the prosecution of the pending claims to issue.

No fee is believed due with this response. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No 50-0220.

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